Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic organization with 1.7 million members dedicated to working for the Catholic Church and their communities; and,

Whereas, The Knights of Columbus was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney, parish priest of St. Mary's parish in New Haven, Connecticut, and received its charter from the state of Connecticut on March 29, 1882; and,

Whereas, Knights of Columbus councils throughout the country, as well as in South Dakota, will observe its 125th year of existence with activities beginning March 29, 2007, to March 29, 2008; and,

Whereas, During this time of celebration, Knights of Columbus members and their families throughout South Dakota will gather with the community at large to recommit themselves to the ideals of service to others:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2007, through March 29, 2008, as

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YEAR

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State